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## Low-Wage Rage! Hundreds of Fed up Workers March to Alice Walton's Condo Building and Call for Higher Wages, Better Treatment from Walmart

### *March, Arrests Part of National Day of Action against the Walton Family and Walmart*

**New York, NY**— Fed up Walmart workers from around the country marched with retail workers, fast-food workers, supermarket workers, and others marched to Alice Walton's luxury condo building in Manhattan, where they demanded better treatment and higher wages.

Alice Walton, the billionaire heir to the Walmart fortune, lives at 515 Park Avenue, and hundreds of workers marched from a McDonalds store to a Zara store to Alice's building to tell her the Walton family and Walmart are robbing millions of workers of the American Dream.

Some low-wage workers, along with other participants in the march, engaged in civil disobedience and were arrested while demonstrating in front of Alice Walton's building.

Walmart has not opened any stores in New York City, but Walmart's low-wages, erratic part-time scheduling, and disrespect for workers can be found in many jobs across the five boroughs, according a new report, **Low-Wage Rage: How Walmart and the Walton Family Harm New York City's Workforce**, released today before the march by the **Walmart-Free NYC** coalition.

"New Yorkers have rejected Walmart, but unfortunately many employers in our city are following Walmart's worst practices. We are coming together as workers and community members to say no to the low-wage, dead-end economy," **said Maritza Silva-Farrell, Lead Political Organizer of ALIGN, an active member of the Walmart-Free NYC coalition.** "

Walmart is the nation's largest employer, and the Walton family, which owns Walmart, has enormous power over the lives of all working families in New York City and across the country.

To send a strong, forceful message to Alice Walton today, Walmart workers traveled to New York City from cities and states around the country, including Denver, Cincinnati, Dallas, Chicago, Orlando, Miami, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, to participate in the march to her building.

"Walmart and the Walton family could easily decide tomorrow to pay a fair wage, and give us a true path to the middle class while also boosting the company's sales. We help Walmart make over \$16 billion each year in profits, and we know that change is possible at Walmart. That's why we're speaking out for better futures and standing up for the hundreds of thousands of us who can't make ends meet with Walmart's low pay and erratic scheduling," **said Montressia Williams, a Walmart worker from Racine, Wisconsin.**

Joined by elected officials, clergy, community leaders, and labor leaders, these Walmart workers and other low-wage workers delivered to Alice Walton a national petition calling for Walmart to commit publicly to paying \$15 an hour and offering consistent, full-time work.

"You know there's a problem when the wealthiest corporations in this country are the ones paying workers the least. McDonald's and Walmart pay hard-working men and women like me \$8 or \$9 an hour. That doesn't just hurt us and our families, it hurts the economy," **said Jorel Ware, 31, a McDonald's worker who uses food stamps and Medicaid to survive.**

"We're standing together today in huge numbers to tell Walmart and the Walton family to change how they do business. If Walmart improved its employment practices and raised standards, its actions would have a ripple effect across the retail industry and impact many employers. It's time to bring an end to Walmart's low-wages and erratic part-time scheduling that are so common in nonunion retail jobs today," **said Stuart Appelbaum, President of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (RWDSU), UFCW, a leading critic of Walmart.**